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## LOK SABHA

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The following Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on the 19th November, 1958:—

BILL No. 116 OF 1958

*A Bill further to amend the Assam Rifles Act, 1941.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

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| 1.      | This Act may be called the Assam Rifles (Amendment) Act, 1958.  | Short title.                                    |
| 5    2. | In clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Assam Rifles Act, 1941, after the word "Commandant", the words "or an Assistant Commandant" shall be inserted. | Amendment<br>of section 8,<br>Act 5 of<br>1941. |

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

While clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Assam Rifles Act, 1941 (5 of 1941), confers on a District Magistrate and a Commandant of the Assam Rifles powers to award imprisonment extending to twenty-eight days in respect of petty offences against discipline, it confers on an Assistant Commandant in similar cases powers of punishment extending to seven days. The relative status of the authorities no doubt varies, but the differentiation was made more on the basis of the conditions previously obtaining in the administration of the North-Eastern Frontier Agency when a major portion of the area was not administered and the Assam Rifles outposts were rarely situated beyond fifty miles from the plains and were easily accessible. The necessity for conferring equal powers on an Assistant Commandant was, therefore, not felt at that time.

The position has now undergone a radical change and the outposts and wing headquarters of the Assam Rifles have now moved into the interior. For some of the outposts, the normal line of communications is by air lift. Since the punishing power of an Assistant Commandant is limited, a breach of discipline in remote outposts is dealt with at present either by the award of a light punishment within the powers of Assistant Commandant or by subjecting the offender to a long march to the headquarters for trial by a Commandant. In the former case, a disproportionately light punishment is apt to create a sense of laxity in the ranks of riflemen and in the latter case, the effect of the punishment is lost due to delayed award of sentence. Moreover, in certain cases where witnesses have to be examined, they often refuse to go too far from their homes.

In the circumstances, it is necessary that Assistant Commandants should also have the same powers as Commandants. The Bill gives effect to this object.

NEW DELHI;  
*The 24th September, 1958.*

LAKSHMI N. MENON.

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M. N. KAUL,  
*Secretary.*

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CORRIGENDA

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In the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part II—Section—2,—

1. No. 26-B, dated the 11th August, 1958:—

- (i) Page 744/30, line 8 from the top, for “air” read “aim”.
- (ii) Page 744/42, line 23 from the top, after “to” read “the”.
- (iii) Page 744/48, line 22 from the top, after “in” read “the”.
- (iv) Page 744/62, insert a side-line against Clause 50.
- (v) Page 744/70, line 8 from the top, after “being” read “used”.
- (vi) Page 744/71, line 4 from the top, for “69” read “69\*”.
- (vii) Page 744/72, insert a side-line against Clause 73.
- (viii) Page 744/73, line 24 from the top, for “74 of this Act or”  
read “74 of this Act or”.
- (ix) Page 744/79, marginal heading to Clause 87, line 3, for  
“invalid” read “invalidity of”.
- (x) Page 744/90, marginal heading to Clause 119, for “Certi-  
ficate validity” read “certificate of validity”.

2. No. 29, dated the 18th August, 1958, Page 768, line 16 from the  
top for “1 of 1922” read “11 of 1922” as marginal reference.

3. No. 29-A, dated the 21st August, 1958:—

- (i) Page 786/9, line 16 from the top, for “crimation” read  
“cremation”.
- (ii) Page 786/38, read “Definitions” as marginal heading to  
clause 3.
- (iii) Page 786/44, line 30 from the top, after “its” read “own”.
- (iv) Page 786/99, marginal heading to Clause 147, for “wages no  
receverable outside India in certain” read “Wages not  
recoverable outside India in certain cases”.
- (v) Page 786/123, line 37 from the top, for “inflited” read  
“inflicted”.
- (vi) Page 786/129, line 28 from the top, for “(2) the Surveyor  
so directed shall forthwith Survey the Ship,” read “If a  
passenger ship is absent from India at the time when”.
- (vii) Page 786/193, line 27 from the top, read “or” after “Ship”.
- (viii) Page 786/200, line 1 of the marginal heading to Clause 392,  
for “Duties” read “Duty”.
- (ix) Page 786/225, line 22 from the top, for “Woner” read  
“owner”.

(x) Page 786/241, line 20 from the top, for "rgister" read "register".

4. No. 31, dated the 22nd August, 1958:—

- (i) Page 794, marginal heading to line 12 from the top, for "when husbands or wife may sue or dissolute" read "when husband or wife may sue for dissolution".
- (ii) Page 814, line 9 from the top, for "Act" read "Act, 19".
- (iii) Page 816, line 6 from the top, for "above" read "abode".
- (iv) Page 826, read "No suit against Central Government or tribunal." as marginal heading to Clause 23.

5. No. 33, dated the 27th August, 1958:—

- (i) Page 888, line 8 from the top, for "ditness" read "fitness".
- (ii) Page 894, line 3 from the top, for "consolance" read "consonance".

6. No. 34, dated the 1st September, 1958:—

- (i) Page 909, line 4 from the top, for "\*Bill No. of 1958" read "\*Bill No. 96 of 1958".
- (ii) Page 937, line 38 from the top, for "generally" read "generality".

7. No. 37, dated the 8th September, 1958, page 985, line 12 from the top, for "confered" read "conferred".

8. No. 37-A, dated the 10th September, 1958:—

- (i) Page 987/5, line 8 from the bottom, for "items" read "item".
- (ii) Page 987/18, line 9 from the bottom, for "Advisorv" read "Advisory".
- (iii) Page 987/19, line 1 from the top, for "Non-Statutody" read "Non-Statutory".
- (iv) Page 987/22, line 4 from the top, for "than a Statutory body" read "time being in force;".
- (v) Page 987/29, line 8 from the top for "(34 1948)" read "(34 of 1948)".

9. No. 40, dated the 17th September, 1958, page 997, line 4, for "12 of 991" read "12 of 1919" as marginal reference.

10. No. 45, dated the 27th September, 1958:—

- (i) Page 1090, line 39 from the top, for "by" read "be".
- (ii) Page 1095, line 23 from the top, for "have" read "has".